EXHIBIT A

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OKLAHOMA

STATE OF OKLAHOMA,)
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Plaintiff,)
)
v.) Case No. 05-CV-00329-GKF-SAJ
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TYSON FOODS, INC., et al.,)
)
Defendants.)

STATE OF OKLAHOMA'S RESPONSES TO TYSON FOODS, INC.'S APRIL 3, 2008 REQUESTS FOR PRODUCTION TO THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA

COMES NOW, the Plaintiff, the State of Oklahoma, ex rel. W.A. Drew Edmondson, in his capacity as Attorney General of the State of Oklahoma, and Oklahoma Secretary of the Environment, C. Miles Tolbert, in his capacity as the Trustee for Natural Resources for the State of Oklahoma under CERCLA, (hereinafter "the State") and hereby responds to Tyson Foods, Inc.'s, April 3, 2008 Request for Production. The State reserves the right to supplement these responses.

GENERAL OBJECTIONS

- 1. The State objects to these discovery requests to the extent that they seek the discovery of information that is protected by the attorney-client privilege, the work product doctrine or any other applicable privilege or protection under state or federal law.
- 2. The State objects to these discovery requests to the extent that they seek the discovery of information that is already in the possession of Defendant Tyson Foods, Inc. ("Tyson"), is obtainable from another source that is more convenient, less burdensome or less expensive, or is as accessible to Defendant Tyson as it is to the State. As such, the burden of obtaining such sought-after information is substantially the same, or less, for the Defendant

Tyson as it is for the State.

- 3. The State objects to these discovery requests to the extent that they are overly broad, oppressive, unduly burdensome and expensive to answer. Providing answers to such discovery requests would needlessly and improperly burden the State.
- 4. The State objects to these discovery requests to the extent that they improperly seek identification of "all" documents for each request. Such discovery requests are thus overly broad and unduly burdensome. It may be impossible to locate "all" documents or each item of responsive information to such discovery requests.
- 5. The State objects to these discovery requests to the extent that the discovery sought is unreasonably cumulative or duplicative.
- 6. The State objects to these discovery requests to the extent that they do not state with the required degree of specificity and particularity what information is being sought to be admitted or denied. As such, such discovery requests are vague, indefinite, ambiguous and not susceptible to easily discernible meaning, requiring the State to guess as to what it is admitting or denying, or to admit or deny a statement readily susceptible to alternative interpretations.
- 7. The State objects to these discovery requests to the extent that the burden or expense of the proposed discovery outweighs its likely benefit, taking into account the needs of the case, the amount in controversy, the parties' resources, and the importance of the proposed discovery in resolving the issues.
- 8. The State objects to these discovery requests to the extent that they improperly attempt to impose obligations on the State other than those imposed by the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.
 - 9. The State objects to the instructions set forth in these discovery requests to the

improperly attempt to alter the plain meaning of certain words.

- 10. By submitting these responses, the State does not acknowledge that the requested information is necessarily relevant or admissible. The State expressly reserves the right to object to further discovery into the subject matter of any information provided and to the introduction of such information into evidence.
- 11. The State objects to the definition of "You," "your" or "yourself" to the extent that it is intended to mean anything other than the State of Oklahoma. There is only one Plaintiff.

RESPONSES TO REQUESTS FOR PRODUCTION

REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO.1: Please produce all documents, including but not limited to, any maps, presentations, power-point slides, outlines, notes, handouts, scripts and prepared remarks distributed, prepared for, or used in connection with Oklahoma Attorney General Drew Edmondson's meeting with Southern Attorney Generals in Biloxi, Mississippi (referenced in the attached OAG Press Release dated March 20, 2008) discussing this Lawsuit and/or the environmental impact of poultry litter application.

RESPONSE TO REQUEST NO.1: The State incorporates its general objections as if fully stated herein. The State objects to this request to the extent it seeks information protected by the attorney client privilege or work product protection. The State further objects that to this request on the ground that the phrase "distributed, prepared for, or used in connection with" is susceptible of differing interpretations and therefore is vague, ambiguous and potentially overbroad. Yet further, the State objects to this interrogatory to the extent that it seeks information known or opinions held by expert consultants retained or specially employed by the

State or by its counsel in anticipation of litigation or preparation for trial. Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(b)(4)(A) and (B). The State and its experts are still collecting and analyzing the information and data which will be used in their opinions and reports. Therefore, the State objects to any production of expert opinions and materials prior to the applicable dates set by the Court's Scheduling Order.

Subject to and without waiver of any objection, see attached Power Point presentation presented at meeting of Southern Attorney General's in Biloxi, Mississippi. Attached as Exhibit 1.

REQUEST FOR PROUDUCTION NO. 2: Please produce all correspondence between Plaintiffs, Plaintiffs' Experts, Plaintiffs' Attorneys, or any person or agent acting on Plaintiffs' behalf and any publication, association, journal, or other entity regarding the submission for peer review and/or publication as an article, poster, abstract, or in any format of the scientific opinions provided or to be provided by Dr. Valerie J. Harwood in this Lawsuit, including but not limited to Dr. Harwood's development or identification of a "poultry litter marker," Harwood supplemental Aff.¶¶ 2-3.

RESPONSE TO REQUEST NO. 2: The State incorporates its general objections as if fully stated herein. The State objects to this request to the extent it seeks information protected by the attorney client privilege or work product protection. Further, the State objects to this interrogatory to the extent that it seeks information known or opinions held by expert consultants retained or specially employed by the State or by its counsel in anticipation of litigation or preparation for trial. Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(b)(4)(A) and (B). The State and its experts are still collecting and analyzing the information and data which will be used in their opinions and

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Subject to and without waiver of any objection, the State will produce all non-privileged responsive documents after the disclosure of expert opinions and materials on May 15, 2008. The State reserves the right to supplement its production and response to this request.

REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 3: Please produce all correspondence between Plaintiffs, Plaintiffs' Experts, Plaintiffs' Attorneys, or any person or agent acting on Plaintiffs' behalf and any publication, association, journal, or other entity regarding the submission for peer review and/or publication as an article, poster, abstract, or in any format of the scientific opinions provided or to be provided by Dr. Roger Olsen in this Lawsuit, including but not limited to Dr. Olsen's development or identification of a "definitive poultry waste signature," Olsen Aff. 6.

RESPONSE TO REQUEST NO. 3: The State incorporates its general objections as if fully stated herein. The State objects to this request to the extent it seeks information protected by the attorney client privilege or work product protection. Further, the State objects to this interrogatory to the extent that it seeks information known or opinions held by expert consultants retained or specially employed by the State or by its counsel in anticipation of litigation or preparation for trial. Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(b)(4)(A) and (B). The State and its experts are still collecting and analyzing the information and data which will be used in their opinions and reports. Therefore, the State objects to any production of expert opinions and materials prior to the applicable dates set by the Court's Scheduling Order.

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RESPONSE TO REQUEST NO.4: The State incorporates its general objections as if fully stated herein. The State objects to this request to the extent it seeks information protected by the attorney client privilege or work product protection. Further, the State objects to this interrogatory to the extent that it seeks information known or opinions held by expert consultants retained or specially employed by the State or by its counsel in anticipation of litigation or preparation for trial. Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(b)(4)(A) and (B). The State and its experts are still collecting and analyzing the information and data which will be used in their opinions and reports. Therefore, the State objects to any production of expert opinions and materials prior to the applicable dates set by the Court's Scheduling Order.

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REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO.5: Please produce all materials, including but not limited to any drafts or versions of any article, poster, abstract, or material in any other format. with all supporting data, figures, tables, illustrations, references, and appendices, submitted or made available to any publication, association, journal, or other entity for peer review and/or publication regarding the scientific opinions provided or to be provided by Dr. Valerie J.

Harwood in this Lawsuit, including but not limited to Dr. Harwood's development or identification of a "poultry litter marker," Harwood Supplemental Aff. ¶¶ 2-3.

RESPONSE TO REQUEST NO.5: The State incorporates its general objections as if fully stated herein. The State objects to this request to the extent it seeks information protected by the attorney client privilege or work product protection. Further, the State objects to this interrogatory to the extent that it seeks information known or opinions held by expert consultants retained or specially employed by the State or by its counsel in anticipation of litigation or preparation for trial. Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(b)(4)(A) and (B). The State and its experts are still collecting and analyzing the information and data which will be used in their opinions and reports. Therefore, the State objects to any production of expert opinions and materials prior to the applicable dates set by the Court's Scheduling Order.

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RESPONSE TO REQUEST NO. 6: The State incorporates its general objections as if fully stated herein. The State objects to this request to the extent it seeks information protected

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by the attorney client privilege or work product protection. Further, the State objects to this interrogatory to the extent that it seeks information known or opinions held by expert consultants retained or specially employed by the State or by its counsel in anticipation of litigation or preparation for trial. Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(b)(4)(A) and (B). The State and its experts are still collecting and analyzing the information and data which will be used in their opinions and reports. Therefore, the State objects to any production of expert opinions and materials prior to the applicable dates set by the Court's Scheduling Order.

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RESPONSE TO REQUEST NO.7: The State incorporates its general objections as if fully stated herein. The State objects to this request to the extent it seeks information protected by the attorney client privilege or work product protection. Further, the State objects to this interrogatory to the extent that it seeks information known or opinions held by expert consultants retained or specially employed by the State or by its counsel in anticipation of litigation or preparation for trial. Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(b)(4)(A) and (B). The State and its experts are still collecting and analyzing the information and data which will be used in their opinions and

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Subject to and without waiver of any objection, the State will produce all non-privileged responsive documents, if any, after the disclosure of expert opinions and materials on May 15, 2008. The State reserves the right to supplement its production and response to this request.

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